

# STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM LOADING TOOL

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A removable loading tool for use with a catheter assembly wherein the

5 loading tool comprises a body which defines a substantially hollow chamber. The substantially hollow chamber has a first portion and a second portion. The first portion has a first diameter sized to contain at least a portion of the catheter assembly having a stent mounted thereon. The second portion has a second diameter less than that of the first diameter. The body constructed and arranged to protect the at least a portion of the

10 catheter assembly and the stent from undesired contact or damage during loading of a guide wire into the catheter assembly.

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